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attorneys personally for their work on this activity. Right?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, because it's...it's not the county attorneys' obligation under their obligations to the county to perform this function. It's a state function and so it's not the counties' responsibility; it's the state's. It's not the county attorneys' responsibility, so it's personally, if they represent, they personally get the fee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And I assume it was some time prior to 1999 in this decision that the grant funds ran out that were being used to pay the local county attorneys?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, that's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: When did those funds run out? For the fiscal...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as we've been talking here on the floor and working through this, and I tried to visit with Senator Connealy, I just want to express some concern and I'm having an amendment drawn, but I'm not trying to go on some destructive course here. I think people are troubled by this county attorney issue and troubled about it properly. Senator Connealy, have we been told we have to pay these now? I understand we've been ordered to pay. Is that...do we have orders?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, we do.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And so those orders are against the state?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, they are.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And are they accruing interest?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So if we didn't pay them now and left them